THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) During the current year so far, 16 espionage modules have been busted which *inter-alia* resulted in the arrest of 9 Pakistani nationals. These include the arrest of one Pak ISI agent in Delhi on 7.9.2005 sending vital information from a cyber cafe. Some of the espionage agents have reportedly come *via* Nepal.

(c) The Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of ISI by strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction and coordination between different agencies of the Center and the State Governments for neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system, action against these elements under the Official Secrets Act, etc.

Impact of blockage by All Naga Students Association

3130. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tense situation and hardships to the common man, generated by agitation by way of enforcing since mid-June'05 of economic blockade by All Naga Students Association (ANSA), continue to prevail in Manipur as restoration of normal life in the State has largely remained a far cry; and

(b) the details of steps taken and initiated by Government, including those by the State Government, especially in the light of the agitation mentioned in (a) for restoration of rule of law with a view to creating conducive environment for pursuing economic development in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The economic blockade on NH-39 and NH-53, launched by the All Naga Students' Association of Manipur (ANSAM) was suspended on 10th August, 2005. The National Highways have since been opened to traffic and goods-laden vehicles are plying under escort. Normal life in State is now better than during the period of economic blockade.

(b) The State Government has taken the following steps:-

(i) Dialogue with ANSAM to bring them to the negotiating table to find an amicable settlement to the issue.

(ii) Efforts were also made to mobilize various Non-Government Organisations (NGO) and civil society groups to impress upon ANSAM to come to a settlement.

(iii) The cases registered against persons, who committed arson, crimes etc. in connection with the economic blockade, are being investigated.

The Central Government is also keeping a close and constant watch on the situation in Manipur and providing all necessary assistance to State Government to deal with the situation.

China's help in eliminating Maoist activities in India

†3131. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has extended any sort of help in doing away with the ongoing Maoist activities in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the consequential effect on Indo-Nepal relations, if India takes help from China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Kerala's assistance to Tsunami victims of Andaman

†3132. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Kerala had donated sufficent number of bamboos, for construction of intermediate shelter for earthquake and Tsunami affected people of A&N islands; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.